

# Parker House memories continue to live on after demolition

Black Pearl on the Columbia construction to start late summer

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Before the Parker House restaurant building was demolished, it was considered by many local residents to be a memorable place to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

The approximately 16,000-square-foot building was reduced to piles of wood and metal on July 13, several onlookers watched with a mixture of emotions.

Larry and Sherri Keister, of Washougal, were among the witnesses to the demolition. Some of the onlookers sat in chairs that had previously been located in the restaurant.

The Keisters recently purchased a bench from the front lobby waiting area of the Parker House.

Larry Keister said he was sad and glad as the excava-

tor pulled apart walls of the waterfront restaurant.

"It's a landmark," he said. "I'm glad it's going to be replaced with a nice restaurant."

Mud pie was among Sherri Keister's favorite foods at the Parker House.

Rene LeBrun, of Washougal, said he had been to many special events at the restaurant.

"The Parker House was awesome," he said. "It was one of the most wonderful places to be, with great am-

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Onlookers watched as the Parker House Restaurant building was demolished last week. Metal and wood materials were sorted by crews with Nutter Corporation, for recycling or reusing purposes. RSV Building Solutions is expected to break ground within 30 days for the Black Pearl on the Columbia, at the former Parker House site. The two-story restaurant is expected to open next spring.

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